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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No. A8522/STL000025US1

William J. BAER, et al.

Appln. No. 09/489,561

Group Art Unit: 2122

Confirmation No. 5987

Examiner: NGUYEN-BA

Filed: January 21, 2000

For: METHOD AND CONFIGURABLE MODEL FOR STORING HIERARCHICAL DATA
IN A NON-HIERARCHICAL DATA REPOSITORY

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUANCE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) FOR CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issuance in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a) and (c)(2). Insofar as Applicants can determine, although the Issue Fee was paid on November 18, 2003, the above-identified application has not been assigned an issue date.

The present petition is being filed to request consideration of a submission pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (*i.e.*, a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE")) to permit consideration of certain references submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97.

An RCE and an IDS are filed concurrently herewith.

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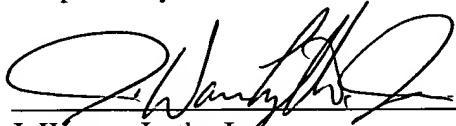
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), a check for the Petition fee of \$130.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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